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VINDICATE YOURSELF, GOVERNOR.

With 400 corpses still hidden somewhere in the Johnstown ruins, Gov. BEAVER has directed that the State work in the removal of debris from the village streets shall cease. As custodian of the relief fund, which a sympathizing people offered to the sufferers, the Governor was endowed with a lofty trust. He seems to have fulfilled it in a fashion not to be excelled for delay and ineffectiveness.

The months since the disaster have been measured by red tape, and while hundreds of thousands of dollars of relief money lay idle in the hands of the slow-going Governor, the stricken people of Johnstown have been helped by Heaven and themselves. Now Winter is near at hand, and still every day or two a corpse is dragged to light. Great is "system," and greatly to be feared.

Gov. BEAVER had better give ear to the cry of Johnstown's people now, and redouble the State's aid to them instead of withdrawing it altogether.

WAIT, M'ANES, WAIT.

A Philadelphia man with the name of McMANIS and the ambition of JEROME CLEVER has mapped out for himself the task of eliminating MATT QUAY from American politics. He may do it, but not until the "reform" influence shall first have eliminated the boogie system of campaign. QUAY fills a long felt want "in the moral polity of the great Sunday-school end. His political ego is that of the "mammon of unrighteousness," and the g. o. p. is just religious enough to follow the command of scripture and "make unto itself a friend" of him.

McMANIS, you're on a dead card.

GET HEALTHY FIRST.

Chicago, if her Health Commissioner can be believed, is ripe for a cholera epidemic. The rotten "river" which stagnates in the very heart of town, is a mass of liquid corruption, and filth is scattered through the streets and alleys. Even Chicago will hardly find wind enough to blow away the vapors of disease that overhang that sort of place. But it might be well to try, and stop blowing about the World's Fair.

Do you want to get everybody out there and kill 'em?

HOLD YOUR BREATH.

Nobody has cause to be hilarious over the baseball situation. New York is five points ahead and Ewing's thumb is well. Aside from those two facts the chances are even. Both the leaders ought to win every game between now and Saturday, and if—and if—and if. But you never can tell what will happen.

ARIZAS, the ancient said, carried the world on his shoulders. Buck Ewing was on his thumb. If he carries it now to the end of the race, he will have won the prettiest up-hill fight that baseball has ever known.

This will be a terrific week.

Despite Mr. C. P. HUNTINGTON's sturdy denials, it appears that opulent gentleman's daughter has some notion of marrying Prince HATZELROT and his princely debts, after all.

Go to, Cupid. You are a worn-out myth. You look well on valentines, but your armor is too primitive, and the bankers who nowadays are entrusted with making marriage arrangements do not find you quoted at anything at all.

And now the sealers up in British Columbia are making ready to "smash" the captain and crew of the revenue cutter Rush, if that vessel shows herself in Victoria. The gallant Captain had better protect himself from those bellicose Britons as best he can. There seems to be no clause in the "vigorous foreign policy" to provide for protection in such cases.

One of SULLIVAN's political pushers says John L. is more of a gentleman and more of a scholar than MONROE ever was. He omitted the climax from that eulogy: "Good judge of whiskey" belongs in there somewhere, and it would have been the truest tribute of the lot.

An effort is to be made to transfer the Revenue Marine Service from the control of the Treasury to the Navy Department. May be, then, the revenue cutters will come in for a share of the general bracing up, and British tramp steamers won't be able to give them the laugh inside New York Harbor.

BOULANGER is being stripped of his glories at a great rate. Nothing is left him now save the right of manifesto. He still indulges that, even if he has nothing more to manifest than that he has been beautifully licked.

Mayor GRANT is chasing deer in the Adirondacks. He had better "get his gun" and hunt up that Finance Committee. The game law will not protect them much longer.

CHIPS.

The pennant race saw New York and Boston.

Chicago has discovered a new use for the telephone. One of her thieves rang up a cashier while he was counting money, and then his pal made off with \$2,800.

Here is a case of quiet courtship. Mr. Simpson, a deaf mute of Louisville, was married on Saturday to Miss Pierce, who is also a deaf mute. He proposed and was accepted in the sign language, and the young lady's father, who was in the room all the time, did not know a thing about it.

West Virginia boys are quick of action. A colored man out there caught a lad and held him until a hot stove. The boy's companions tried to release him, and falling short the negro died.

The sad news comes from London that Queen Victoria will not be able to go to Dublin this Spring.

AFTER THE VACATION.

Once more he's found the maid unkind.

He's not sure he likes her kind.

A better one next summer.

A bogus medical diploma will have been discovered in Portsmouth. It has branches in New York and Boston, and has been doing a flourishing business. This, along with the raft load of bogus diplomas, makes one almost afraid to get sick.

Lady (to her captain). How do you manage to find your way across the ocean?

Captain. By the compass.

Lady. Suppose you try to go south?—TOMAS STIRTS UP.

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COUNTING-OUT RHYMES.

A Curious Collection of Verses Familiar to the Nursery.

Chamber's Journal presents an interesting and instructive collection of children's counting-out rhymes. According to that authority the best known is:

Oney, tweety, dicker, davy.

Halloway, crackabone, toney, navy.

Dowry, dandery, merry come toney.

Halloway, halloway, twenty-nine.

O.C.T. out!

Somewhere about one hundred different versions and variations of this rhyme alone are given.

The following is one of several versions from Scotland (Aberdeen):

Herry, tweety, dicker, davy.

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O.C.T. out!

From a work on the nursery by Mr. Charles G. Leland we have a specimen of a gypsy magic spell. It is as follows:

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